

## **CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries**

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its October 13 meeting, the CAC received updates on the *GO TO 2040*, the Regional Water Supply Plan and the Community and Technical Assistance program. Committee members had many questions about the draft Preferred Regional Scenario and how public input from this summer's Invent the Future events will be used to help formulate the draft Preferred Scenario. Numerous suggestions were offered for specific topics and inclusion into the plan, including acquisition of public green space, Tax Increment Financing, the use of impact fees to fund infrastructure improvements and standards for "green" buildings. Following a presentation on the history and current status of the Regional Water Supply Plan, the committee emphasized that public education must be a key component of the completed plan. The CAC also heard a presentation on the Community and Technical Assistance program, with several members commenting that they had already participated in workshops and roundtables and found them to be very informative. The Committee meets next on November 9.

### **Economic & Community Development**

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on September 22, focusing on finalizing comments on the three strategy reports (Innovation, Export Promotion-Import Substitution and Green Economic Development) prepared by RCF Economic & Financial Consulting. A main suggestion from the discussion was to conduct a case study on the cluster industries to assess how these reports interrelate and identify regional challenges as well as recommend best practices to move forward. An overview of the next phase of the *GO TO 2040* plan was given highlighting the development of a preferred scenario. Committee members were asked to assist in reviewing and providing comments on the policy priorities. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for October 27.

### **Environment & Natural Resources**

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on October 7. The Executive Director of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) gave a presentation on a Groundwater Model that provided a 3-dimensional visualization tool for the purpose of informing planning decisions. Staff provided an update on the results of the Public Engagement Phase of *GO TO 2040* as well as a description of the Preferred Scenario built from the Regional Vision and staff analysis from the scenario evaluation process. In addition, staff provided an update on the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and informed the committee of the return of the 'Recovery Email' in a new bi-weekly format. The committee also received an update on the latest version of the 2009 Update of the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4.

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### **Housing**

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee did not meet in September, but is scheduled to meet again on October 15. CMAP's newly formed sub-committee, Housing Market and Development Strategies, will convene directly after the full committee meeting.

### **Human Services**

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met in September and discussed the preferred scenario development process and outlined the committee's next steps in the process. At upcoming meetings, the committee will discuss the Human and Community development reports that were generated over the last year with support of the Chicago Community Trust in an effort to prioritize and incorporate findings into the *GO TO 2040* plan. The RTA presented the 2009 JARC and New Freedom program of projects to the committee for discussion. The committee was also updated on the 2-1-1 state planning process with specific attention regarding upcoming community forums and stakeholder interviews. Finally, the committee heard about a variety of on-going health initiatives and how this work is related to transportation and land use. The committee meets again on October 19.

### **Land Use**

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on September 16 and primarily discussed issues related to *GO TO 2040*. Andrew Williams-Clark continued working with the Committee on Indicators Data Collection, finding those indicators most responsive to innovations in Land Use. Bob Dean walked the Committee through the process of developing conclusions from *GO TO 2040* scenarios, while Erin Aleman summarized the outreach activities for *GO TO 2040* over the summer as well as data collected based on the use of Metro Quest scenario development tool used in kiosks placed across northeastern Illinois, web based input, and the extensive series of Invent the Future workshops in multiple locations across the region. The Committee meets next on October 21st.

### **Transportation**

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee considered a number of matters at its September meeting. The semiannual RTP/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment met the budget for ozone conformity and the baseline test for fine particulate matter. The analysis and amendment were recommended for approval. Rescissions of STP, CMAQ and planning funds were discussed. Committee members, mayors, and planning liaisons were encouraged to speak with legislators about rescinding the rescissions. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee's proposal for the 2010/2011 Multi-Year CMAQ program was recommended for approval to the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board. The RTA presented its Preliminary RTA funding Program of

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Projects. At its October Board meeting, approval will be requested for these projects, but not funding, however, funding will be included as part of the normal budget process and presented at the December Board meeting. Proposed meeting dates for 2010 were discussed and will be finalized next month. The need to accommodate MPO Policy Committee meeting dates, federal transit grant submittal dates, IDOT letting dates and the *GO TO 2040* schedule were also discussed. The committee was updated on *GOTO 2040* and agreed to schedule a special Transportation Committee meeting on October 23, 2009 to focus solely on discussion of *GO TO 2040* issues including preferred scenario development, financial plan and major capital project evaluation. The Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan – 2009 Update was recommended for approval. The reauthorization policy goals approved by the CMAP Board were also presented and discussed. The Congestion Pricing Study survey results were presented. The Committee's recommendation was to go with the top three vote getters (I-90 Kennedy Reversible Lanes between the Edens Expressway and Ohio Street, I-90 Jane Addams Tollway between I-290 and I-294 and I-55 Stevenson between I-294 and I-90/94) in the survey. The committee will receive further updates when the study is completed.

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